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## 1.0 Purpose/Scope

The purpose of this document is to provide a simple field procedure for operating the *Center*<sup>®</sup> 337 Mini Light Meter. This meter is used in working environmental checks, illumination design verifications and other light monitoring applications. The procedure for operating the *Center*<sup>®</sup> 337 Mini Light Meter is based on the information provided in the operator manual.

"Visible light" corresponds to a wavelength range of 400 - 700 nanometers (nm) and a color range of violet through red. The meter has its strongest spectral sensitivity response from 500 nm to 600 nm [green through orange]. The highest sensitivity is at 560 nm (yellow). The meter will not detect Violet [400 nm] and has weak sensitivity to Blue [475nm] and Red [650 nm]. It is ideal for responding in a manner similar to the human eye for the mixture of colors in sunlight and artificial lighting.

# 2.0 Responsibilities

- 2.1 This procedure is implemented through the SHSD Industrial Hygiene Group. Members of the SHSD Industrial Hygiene Group and other groups can qualify to use this meter based on demonstrated competency documented in Attachment 9.1.
- 2.2 Hazard Analysis of the Sampling Task: The Qualified Sampler and their line supervisor are responsible to comply with all work planning and work permit system requirements.

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2.3 The Qualified Sampler is required to request and check the instrument in and out of the IH lab in accordance with the SOP's IH51200 & 51500.

### 3.0 <u>Definitions:</u>

Footcandle: (fc) is a non-SI unit of luminance or light intensity widely. The unit is defined as the amount of illumination the inside surface an imaginary 1-foot radius sphere would be receiving if there were a uniform point source of one candela in the exact center of the sphere. Alternatively, it can be defined as the illuminance on a 1-square foot surface of which there is a uniformly distributed flux of one lumen. The foot-candle is equal to one lumen per square foot.

Lux: The SI derived unit of illuminance is the lux.. One lux is equal to one lumen per square metre.

One footcandle is equal to 10.76 lux. Typically this is approximated as 1 footcandle being equal to 10 lux. Because lux and footcandles are different units of the same quantity, it is valid to convert footcandles to lux and vice versa.

*Qualified Sampler:* A person who has demonstrated competency in accordance with Section 7 to perform this field procedure and is approved to independently use the *Center*® 337 Mini Light Meter.

# 4.0 Prerequisites

For SHSD personnel, the SHSD Industrial Hygiene Group Leader, or designee, will qualify personnel in the use and interpretation of results from the *Center*<sup>®</sup> 337 Mini Light Meter via Attachment 9.1.

# 5.0 **Precautions**

#### 5.1 **Hazard Determination:**

- This meter does not generate a hazard to the operator or occupants.
- Testing does not generate Hazardous Wastes or have negative environmental consequences.
- The meter does not cause significant ergonomic concerns in routine use.
- The meter does not have a noise hazard.
- Operation of this meter is covered under the Job Risk Assessment SHSD JRA-05.

#### **5.2 Personal Protective Equipment**

 Typically, this meter is primarily used for measuring lighting levels in office spaces and shop areas where there is no risk to the sampler from hazardous levels of chemical or radiological contamination. Personal Protective Equipment is typically not needed.

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• For work done where there is a potential for chemical or radiological hazards to be present, a hazard assessment to determine the appropriate protective measures based on the hierarchy of controls is to be done by a cognizant ESH professional.

#### 6.0 Procedure

6.1 **Equipment:** Center® 337 Mini Light Meter.



6.2 <u>Turning on and zeroing of the unit:</u> With the black cover over the lens, press the Om/Off key once. The meter turns on. The meter display will flash "-CAP-", then "CAL". The meter will then automatically zero and "0.00" should appear.



- 6.3 <u>Calibration of the equipment:</u> The meter was purchased with NIST calibration. It is not necessary to calibrate the unit prior to each use. Calibration of the unit is done by returning it to a vendor or replacement with a new unit. The unit is not to be used if over **5 years** from the date of calibration. Note: The "CAL" the meter performs at start up is a self zeroing of the meter and must be done with the cap over the light sensor.
- 6.4 Operation of the meter: The monitor immediately displays the reading in footcandles [fc] or lux [lx] on powering the unit. No warm-up is necessary. [The sensor is compensated with a filter to make the response close to human eyes. The light source angle is also compensated according to its consine function.]

#### 6.5 Changing Settings

• The meter starts up in *auto-range* and that is the best mode to operate in. Pressing

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the  $\mathbb{RANGE}$  button activates the *manual range* selection and the meter moves from the lowest to the next range each time the  $\mathbb{RANGE}$  button is pressed. The display indicates the range in the lower left corner.

- The meter is switched between foot candles [fx] and lux [lx] by pressing the fx/lx button. Note 10 lx = 1 fc
- 6.6 <u>Holding a reading for viewing:</u> When a reading needs to be taken at a location where the display can not be seen, such as over the user's head, pressing the HOLD button captures the reading on the display at the time the button is pressed. The value continues to be displayed until the HOLD button is pressed again. Note: the meter does not store values when the power is off or log data for later retrieval.
- 6.7 <u>Turning off the unit:</u> Press the Om/Off key and the meter will shut off. No data is stored.
- 6.8 **Recording readings:** The survey should be recorded on the BNL <u>Direct Reading Instrument form</u> for procedure IH60500.
- 6.9 Analyzing data from the meter: The following table presents the light meter recommendation of the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America and are used as the guidance for acceptable light levels: [Note 10 lx = 1 fc]

|            | A. Public Spaces  | 30 lx     | 3 fc    |
|------------|---|-----------|---------|
| ANSI/IESNA | B. Simple orientation for short visits                    | 50 lx     | 5 fc    |
| RP-1-04    | C. Working Spaces where simple visual tasks are performed | 100 lx    | 10 fc   |
| Office     | D. Performance of visual tasks of high contrast and large | 300 lx    | 30 fc   |
| Lighting   | size  |           |         |
| ANSI/IESNA | E. Performance of visual tasks of high contrast and small | 500 lx    | 50 fc   |
| RP-7-01    | size or tasks of low contrast and large size              |           |         |
| Lighting   | F. Performance of visual tasks of low contrast and small  | 1000 lx   | 100 fc  |
| Industrial | size  |           |         |
| Facilities | G. Performance of visual tasks of near threshold(critical | 3000 to   | 300 to  |
|            | importance, specialized, very small or very low contrast) | 10,000 lx | 1000 fc |

# 7.0 Implementation and Training

- 7.1 Use of this meter is to be performed only by persons who have demonstrated the competence as documented using Attachment 9.1 *Job Performance Measure*.
- 7.2 Qualification Frequency & Recordkeeping: The supervisor of *Qualified Samplers* are

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responsible to ensure that the employees remain competent in the operation of this meter.

- Personnel need to be re-qualified when there is evidence that they do not clearly understand the principles of operation of this meter.
- The re-qualification frequency is 3 years. However, if a person has not used this instrument for a period of over 12 months from the date of last qualification, demonstration of competency to perform this procedure to the satisfaction of the supervisor may be required before sampling commences.

#### 8.0 References

8.1 Center Technology Corp.: Instruction Manual, *Center*® 337 Mini Light Meter.

## 9.0 Attachments

9.1 Job Performance Measure

# 10. <u>Documentation</u>

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# Operation of the *Center®* 337 Mini Light Meter Job Performance Measure (JPM) Completion Certificate

| Criteria                   | Qualifying Performance Standard   | Unsatis<br>-factory | Recov-<br>ered | Satisf-<br>.actory |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Sampling Equipment         | Knows where equipment needed for the procedure is located and how to properly sign it out.                  |                     |                |                    |
| Meter Operation-<br>On/Off | Demonstrates the proper way to set up, turn on and use the meter.   |                     |                |                    |
| Meter Operation- ZERO      | Demonstrates the proper way to ZERO the meter.  |                     |                |                    |
| Meter Operation- HOLD      | Demonstrates the proper way to HOLD a value on the screen.  |                     |                |                    |
| Meter Operation- fx/lx     | Demonstrates knowledge of units and their meaning.  |                     |                |                    |
| Meter Operation-<br>RANGE  | Demonstrates the proper way to change ranges on the meter.  |                     |                |                    |
| Record forms               | Shows how to correctly and completely fill all forms associated with this SOP.                              |                     |                |                    |
| Data Analysis              | Shows how to correctly have the data analyzed and compared to regulatory drivers. Knows the correct limits. |                     |                |                    |
| Employee Notification      | Knows how to timely and properly notify workers and management of unsafe conditions.                        |                     |                |                    |
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